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Annual Report
OF THE
S E L E C T M E N ,
OVERSEER OF THE POOR ,
AND SUPERINTENDING
SCHOOL COMMITTEE ,

OF THE
TOWN OF KINGSTON, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1860.

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1860.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

Parsonage Fund, derived from Portland, Ports-	
mouth and Saco Railroad,	\$138 00
" Ocean Bank,	50 00
" Granite State Bank,	22 40
" Interest on \$1100 due from the town,	66 00
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	\$276 40

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid C. L. Eastman, Prudential Com. Dist. No. 1,	\$228 09
" John S. Judkins, " 2,	190 98
" M. Colcord and G. W. Sanborn, " 3,	169 38
" Hiram P. Heath, " 4,	29 12
" George Winslow, " 5,	97 02
" Abner Burbank, " 6,	144 53
	—
	\$859 12

School money derived from taxes,	\$686 00
" Literary Fund,	85 12
" Ocean Bank,	20 00
" Railroad tax,	8 00
" Interest on the Elkins Fund,	60 00
	—
	\$859 12

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid State Tax,	\$240 10
" County Tax,	601 00
" S. P. Clark, money to repair Town Farm Buildings,	200 00
" Colcord Patten for a report of the history of Kingston,	21 00
" Wm. C. Patten for making taxes in '59	12 00
" Joseph Judkins, Insurance assessment on town farm building,	2 73
" J. C. Hilliard, " " on Town House,	10 00
" Sam'l Woodman for serving notice on officers to be qualified,	2 75
" E. T. Webster, for timber and repairing New Boston bridge,	30 08
" Joseph Judkins, for bridge timber,	10 91
" Jonathan Randall, do.	3 74
" Reuben Davis, do.	1 35
" Ora P. Severance, do.	1 08
" J. W. Sanborn, do.	1 04
" Joseph Webster, do.	4 36
" Henry Plummer, do.	1 25
" Albert Brown, for bell rope,	75
" Henry L. Boltwood, for Teachers' Institute,	13 72
" S. S. Collins, for wood delivered at Town House,	3 00
" George H. Hoyt, for serving two days as constable,	3 00
" E. C. Carter, for repairing highway in District No. 7,	21 00
" S. P. Clark, interest on notes,	138 55
" Peter French's note,	12 36
" Moses Davis's "	12 36
" James W. Goodrich, for painting guide boards,	2 50
" Wm. C. Patten, for services in appointing a guardian for John Bartlett,	5 00
" A. J. Cilley, for services as Town Clerk,	20 41
" " " for returns of marriages, births and deaths,	4 00
" Jona. Severance, for collecting taxes,	33 60
" Nathaniel Brown, Superintendent School Committee,	15 00
" " " books for indigent children,	86

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Paid Surveyor's Books, Town Officer, &c.	2 50
" stationery bill,	65
" for breaking highways in District No. 1,	15 50
" " " " 2,	1 60
" " " " 3,	6 35
" " " " 5,	11 70
" " " " 7,	1 20

\$1469 00

Paid Dr. Wm. Perry, for two visits to the Town Farm, in case of Small Pox,	\$10 00
" M. M. Bartlett, for assistance rendered at the town farm in the case of small pox,	47 50
" Almira L. Elkins, case of small pox,	40 00
" Sally F. Bartlett, " " "	14 00
" John Knox and wife, " " "	25 00
" Dr. A. J. Severance, " " "	3 00
" Peter Paradee, " " "	42 00
" S. S. Collins, " " "	50 00
" Joseph Judkins, " " "	5 00
" S. S. Collins, for sundry articles delivered at the town farm in the case of small pox,	12 24
" Dr. G. W. Sanborn, for medical attendance at the town farm in cases of small pox,	75 00

\$323 74

Paid Non-Resident Highway Money, District No. 1,	\$3 60
" " 2,	4 50
" " 3,	5 54
" " 4,	1 75
" " 5,	2 50
" " 6,	11 80
" " 7,	13 45
" Capt. Daniel Colcord, for care of Town Hall,	2 50
" Overseer of the Poor,	572 88
" S. P. Clark, for services as Overseer of the Poor,	40 00
" Auditor's Bill,	2 00
" Elisha Tilton's \$150.00 note and interest,	188 40
" S. S. Collins, for services as Selectman,	35 00
" Joseph Judkins, services as Selectman,	33 00
" " " " services as Treasurer,	10 00
" Elihu T. Webster, for services as Selectman,	25 00

\$951 92

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Moses Sanborn's heirs, over taxed,	\$36 75
" Wm. F. Rogers' poll tax,	1 26
" Harriman Collins' " "	1 26
" Ludovicus Towle's " "	1 26
" Thomas Mardin's " "	1 26
" Jeremiah Johnson's poll tax,	1 26
" Elias Collins' " "	1 26
" Wm. Showell's " "	1 26
" John H. Robinson's " "	1 26
" Daniel Donahue's " "	1 26

Paid	George J. Calden's poll tax,	1 26
"	Joseph R. Sanborn's " "	1 26
"	Wm. Winslow's " "	1 26
"	Peter French's " "	1 26
"	Edward S. Sanborn, over taxed,	13 25
"	Robert French, Non-resident,	9 15
"	John Elkins, "	2 46
"	Charles Dustin, "	46
"	Richard French, "	12
"	Currier & Rowell, "	1 77
"	Moës Chase, "	13
"	Joseph Hoyt, "	78
"	Amos Wood, on one ox,	18

\$81 38

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due on Parsonage Fund,	\$1100 00
" School Fund,	1000 00
" S. P. Clark's note,	850 00
" S. P. Clark's note,	1100 00
" Peter French's note,	100 00
" Moses Davis' note,	100 00
" Amos J. Stickney's note,	200 00
" Charles E. Nichols' note,	200 00
" Samuel Webster's note,	500 00

\$5150 00

DUE TO THE TOWN.

On Collector's Bond for the year 1853,	\$24 16
" " for the year 1859,	20 00
From Shuah Stevens' estate for assistance rendered by the town,	30 99
From John Bartlett's estate for assistance rendered by the town,	75 00

\$150 15

SAMUEL S. COLLINS, } Selectmen
JOSEPH JUDKINS, } of
ELIHU T. WEBSTER, } Kingston.

KINGSTON, N. H., March 6, 1860.

Having this day audited the accounts of the Selectmen, for the past year, as presented to us, we find the same correctly cast, and satisfactory vouchers corresponding thereto, leaving a balance in their hands of fourteen dollars and ninety cents.

SAMUEL CALEF, } Auditors.
MOSES PAGE, }

TOWN FARM EXPENDITURES.

SUPPLIES FURNISHED BY SUPERINTEND-
ENT.

9 Barrels Flour,	\$69 38
35 Gallons Molasses,	12 17
157 lbs. Sugar,	14 22
47 lbs. Coffee,	6 29
17½ lbs. Tea,	6 99
67½ Bushels Corn, Meal and Rye,	69 88
40 lbs. Cheese,	4 91
9 Bushels and 4 Bags Salt,	4 56
22 lbs. Saleratus,	1 41
232 lbs. Pollock Fish,	7 53
269 lbs. Scraps,	6 05
11 Gallons Vinegar,	2 24
1 Bushel Onions,	1 00
2 lbs. Cream Tartar.	71
8½ lbs. Dried Apples,	1 00
Haying Tools,	2 96
6 Brooms,	1 46
1 Axe, 1 00 ; 1 Lantern, 1 00 ;	2 00
24 Panes Glass,	66
14 Bowls and Dishes,	2 08
5 Pairs Shoes,	3 28
4 Pairs Boots,	7 87
Shoe Findings,	13 76
Grass Seed,	8 80
1 Manure Fork and Hoe,	2 62
300 Stakes,	4 50
7 Baskets,	1 03
6 Pairs Feeting,	1 40
4 Yards Gingham,	50
7 " Cotton Flannel,	74
9 " Cambric,	72
5 " Satinet,	3 75
2½ " Jean,	63
152½ Yards Sheeting,	14 51
18 " Blue Drilling,	2 88
94½ " Print,	10 40
Paid Joel Judkins for labor,	7 38
3 Quarts Oil,	1 20
2 Tubs and Tin Ware,	4 37
Coat and Overalls,	3 40
2 Stoves and Funnel,	27 18
1 Churn,	5 50
9 Yards Cloth, and Pants,	1 35
Lot Leather,	6 82
267½ lbs. Beef,	22 14
88½ lbs. Veal,	7 53
500 lbs. Hay,	1 50
24 Skeins Yarn,	2 80
Shoeing Horse, and Blacksmith's bill,	5 24
1 Fat Ox,	60 00
Paid for 2 Boy's Caps,	1 62

Paid	Collins for going with Hearse,	75
"	for moving Buildings,	4 50
"	Mrs. Judkins for labor,	1 62
"	Mrs. Morrill for 4 days labor,	1 33
"	Samuel Chase for 4 days haying,	4 50
"	Miss Chase for sewing,	2 25
"	for Butchering,	1 50
"	E. G. Judkins for pasturing Cattle,	11 00
"	Simon Judkins for sawing,	1 45
"	Interest on money furnished,	6 00
"	Bill of sundries,	33 43
"	for Crackers,	2 25

		\$523 50
Superintendent's services,		200 00

		\$723 50

RECEIVED FROM TOWN FARM, IN 1859.

Received for breaking roads,	50
" 2 Calves,	15 50
" 1 Trace Corn,	50
" $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel Oats,	30
" difference on Steers,	20 00
" 200 lbs. Meadow Hay,	50
" 4 bushels Barley,	4 00
" 350 lbs. old Iron,	3 50
" 18 lbs. Lard,	2 34
" 71 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. Butter,	12 86
" Board,	4 00
" 1150 old Brick,	2 87
" 3 dozen Cabbages,	2 46
" 7 bushel Potatoes,	2 33
" 1 Cow,	15 00
" 16 lbs. neck Beef,	67
" 1 Heifer,	12 00
" 1 Shoat,	6 50
" Poultry,	45 11
" 1 oak Butt,	1 00
" 9 Chickens,	3 00
" making Shoes,	63 55
" 9 Pigs,	18 50

	\$236 99
Received from County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered,	\$127 62
" Town Treasury,	358 89

	\$723 50

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OFF THE TOWN
FARM.

Paid for Lois W. Keezer,	\$29 71
" Carlos A. Smith,	23 11
" Burial of Jona. Davis	12 50
" Jerry Johnson,	9 51
" Mrs. Beede,	17 77
" J. S. Secomb,	16 21
" Goodrich, expense of travelling,	2 25
" John Bartlett,	68 23
" Mrs. Jonathan Davis,	5 95
" Dr. George W. Sanborn for medical attendance on C. A. Smith,	18 75
" Dr. George W. Sanborn for medical attendance on family of John Bartlett,	5 50
" Dr. A. J. Severance for medical attendance on family of John Bartlett,	3 00
" for extra travel to Exeter,	1 50
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	\$213 99
Received from Town Treasury,	\$213 99

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N .

Whole amount of expenditures,	\$937 49
Receipts from Town Farm,	\$236 99
" " County of Rockingham,	127 62
" " Town Treasury,	572 88

upon the subject to your committee, they made no opposition to the continuance of the teacher, and the school accordingly proceeded to its close. Miss Page is a young lady of much promise. She is an excellent speller — a beautiful reader — well versed in grammar and geography ; but is not qualified to teach the higher branches of mathematics ; but has a very respectable knowledge of arithmetic, and passed upon the whole a good examination. The scholars in this district excel in good behavior. It is refreshing to see their good order and the respect generally paid to their teachers. Such children honor their parents.

DISTRICT No. 1.—WINTER TERM.

For the Winter Term in this district, Mr. Geo. J. Judkins was employed. His success as a teacher is proverbial—no infelicities ever attend his efforts — he is a *model* teacher, and a young man of great promise. He had an easy school to govern, and nothing occurred to mar the harmony of parents, children or teacher.

DISTRICT No. 2.—SUMMER TERM.

The school in this district was, in the Summer, under the instruction of Miss Annie L. French, a young lady of pre-eminent literary qualifications. Difficulties of a very trying character she had to encounter — but she lived through them, and satisfied your committee, that if the scholars did not learn, the fault was not hers, but belonged elsewhere.

DISTRICT No. 2.—WINTER TERM.

The Winter Term (only 8 1-2 weeks) was taught by your committee. The scholars generally treated me with much respect and kindness, and while the weather was favorable for the children to attend, they learned very fast. The character of this school would, in a short time become elevated, if a few in the district would suffer their wonderful acumen for one term, to remain in a torpescient state.

DISTRICT No. 5.—SUMMER TERM.

The Summer Term in this district was taught by Miss M. B. Libbey, of Epsom, a teacher of much merit. The children were, in most respects, kept orderly, and gave abundant evidence of good improvement. Miss Libbey has great presence of mind, and is not to be overcome by difficulties—in school her word is law—"she says what she means, and means what she says." She gave good satisfaction.

DISTRICT No. 6.—WINTER TERM.

The Winter Term here was taught by Mr. D. B. Fitts of Fremont, a young man of excellent character, so far as known, and who acquitted himself satisfactorily in his examination. Mr. Fitts strove hard to keep order, and will in this respect, no doubt, hereafter, make some improvement. Parents, if they wish to have good order in school, should command obedience at home; and influence the minds of their children to respect the authority of their teacher; by such influences, their offspring will be likely to win coronary glory and literary fame. Some in this district excel in scholarship.

The only new books I have recommended are Eaton's Arithmetic, and Wells' and Quackenbos' Grammar, also the continuation of Tower's Grammar, Colton's and Fitch's Geography, and the Progressive Speller.

Three of the schools in town viz.:—No 1, No. 2, and No. 3, were visited by Mr. Henry L. Boltwood, the County Commissioner, with your committee, Dec. 16, 189. The Commissioner gave a most excellent lecture on education in the evening at the Town Hall.

REMARKS.

Young ladies and gentlemen should not go on the principle of getting short lessons in school, and those half learned; but should task themselves liberally and commit perfectly—make a clean sweep—learn all the different sounds of the vowels and consonants—let everything be done systematic—let your orthography be perfect, i. e. simple and philosophic. Let Webster be the standard of your orthography. Study carefully "Town and Holbrook's Progressive Speller." Secure your Alma's and Inkerman's, your Magenta's and Montebello's—then the Malakoff's and Solferino's will all fall before you. Let me repeat the idea—be a good speller—a good writer—a good reader—a good grammarian—a good geographer—a good historian, understanding well the principles of common arithmetic and political economy—then the higher branches are more than half conquered.

The light literature of our age, together with algebra, are poor stones for the foundation of a good education; although the latter often makes a beautiful keystone for the arch of the temple of knowledge. Children while learning should have a chance often to inflate their lungs with fresh air. When too young to study without the direct assistance of the teacher, their time might as well be spent in driving a hoop, or playing hide and go seek, as to be in the school room, where no other principle but cruelty can keep them in order; and I think much better. While acquiring an education, children should have all kinds of exercise; gymnastic included, in order to strengthen the body, so that the mind also may be invigorated. If we ever wish to attain to a higher civilization—a loftier, moral and intellectual standard, the first step to be taken is, take

care of the body — secure its health and vigor — nothing can be done to advantage, without a healthy frame. Let the boys and girls then, while engaged in mental efforts, have frequent seasons of out door recreation. What if they should by chance make some noise? So do locomotives, northeasters and old ocean! These sensations on boys and girls are generally the ones that lead off in morals, science, the arts, and in all movements to improve our condition and reform our race.

NATHANIEL BROWN,

Superintending School Committee

T A B L E.

For the year 1859 and 1860.

DISTRICTS.	First and second Term.	SUMMER.				WINTER.			
		Sum of money appropriated for schools to each district.	Wages of two teachers per month including board.	Average number of scholars.	Whole number of scholars.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teachers per month including board.	Average number of scholars.	Whole number of scholars.
	No. 1.	15 29 6 2 44	\$228 09	17 44 30	\$18	15	48 36	436	
		24 24							
	No. 2.	20 39 4 2 64	190 98	19 59 32	18	8 1-2 57	40	30	
		25 32							
	No. 3.	37 24 5 1 104	109 38	15 61 35	22	13	69 49	23	
		43 29							
	No. 4.	Newton.		29 12					
	No. 5.	18 24 5 1 31	97 02	9 40 33	20	9	38 34	22	
		18 20							
	No. 6.	29 29 4 1 36	144 53	15 58 30	19	14	38 20	28	
		17 18							
			\$859 12	262 100					179
		244 268							
		244							
		612							